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Classified By: Acting Political Minister-Counselor Bob Patterson. Reas  
ons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) As follow-up to Senior Advisor to the Secretary and  
Coordinator for Iraq Ambassador David Satterfield's meeting  
with Deputy Foreign Minister Saltanov (ref C), we delivered  
ref A and B demarches to MFA Middle East and North Africa  
section head Ivan Molotkov on April 11. We reiterated the  
USG's appreciation for Russia's efforts to encourage Iraq's  
neighbors to become more engaged in Iraq, and urged the GOR  
to support Iraqi efforts to invigorate the Expanded Neighbors  
process. Molotkov had no substantive comment.  
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